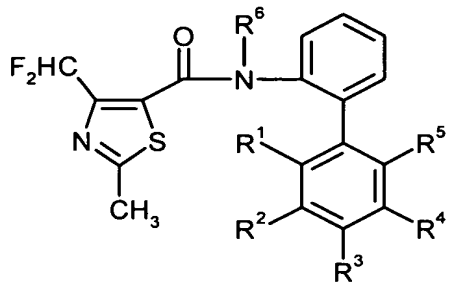
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of the formula (I)



(I)

in which

R^1, R^2, and R^3 independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkylthio, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4-haloalkylthio, or C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfonyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms, or

R^1 and R^2 together or R^2 and R^3 together represent optionally halogen- or C_1-C_6-alkyl-substituted alkenylene,

R^4 and R^5 independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkylthio, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4-haloalkylthio, or C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfonyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms, or

R^6 represents C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfanyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents $-COR^7$, $-CONR^8R^9$, or $-CH_2NR^{10}R^{11}$,

R^7 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_8-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_6-haloalkyl, C_1-C_6-haloalkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,

R^8 and R^9 independently of one another represent C_1-C_8-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_8-haloalkyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R^8 and R^9 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR^{12},

R^{10} and R^{11} independently of one another represent hydrogen, C_1-C_8-alkyl, or C_3-C_8-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_8-haloalkyl or C_3-C_8-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R^{10} and R^{11} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and NR^{12}, and

R^{12} represents hydrogen or C_1-C_6-alkyl.

Claim 19 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

R^1, R^2, and R^3 independently of one another represent hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, nitro, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or isopropylthio, cyclopropyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, difluoromethoxy, trifluoro-

methoxy, difluorochloromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, difluoromethylthio, difluorochloromethylthio, or trifluoromethylthio, or

R^1 and R^2 or R^2 and R^3 together represent optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, or methyl-substituted butadienediyl,

R^4 and R^5 independently of one another represent hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, nitro, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or isopropylthio, cyclopropyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy, difluorochloromethoxy, trifluoroethoxy, difluoromethylthio, difluorochloromethylthio, or trifluoromethylthio,

R^6 represents C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfanyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfonyl, halo-C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents $-COR^7$, $-CONR^8R^9$, or $-CH_2NR^{10}R^{11}$,

R^7 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, halo-C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms; or represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,

R^8 and R^9 independently of one another represent C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, halo-C_1-C_3-alkoxy-C_1-C_3-alkyl, C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R^8 and R^9 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR^{12},

R^{10} and R^{11} independently of one another represent hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_4-haloalkyl or C_3-C_6-halocycloalkyl having in each case 1 to 9 fluorine, chlorine, and/or bromine atoms, or

R^{10} and R^{11} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle that is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl and that has 5 to 8 ring atoms, where the heterocycle optionally contains 1 or 2 further non-adjacent heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur, and NR^{12}, and

R^{12} represents hydrogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 independently of one another represent hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, cyano, methyl, methoxy, methylthio, trifluoromethyl, difluoromethoxy, trifluoromethoxy, difluoromethylthio, or trifluoromethylthio,

R^6 represents methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, pentyl, or hexyl, methylsulfinyl, ethylsulfinyl, n- or isopropylsulfinyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, n- or isopropylsulfonyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butylsulfonyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, difluoromethylsulfanyl, difluorochloromethylsulfanyl, trifluoromethylsulfanyl, trifluoromethylsulfinyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, trifluoromethoxymethyl, $-COR^7$, $-CONR^8R^9$, or $-CH_2NR^{10}R^{11}$,

R^7 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, ethoxy, tert-butoxy, cyclopropyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy , or 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl,

R^8 and R^9 independently of one another represent methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl; trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl, or

R^8 and R^9 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle selected from the group consisting of morpholine, thiomorpholine, and piperazine, which heterocycle is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group

consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and methyl, where the piperazine is optionally substituted on the second nitrogen atom by R^{12},

R^{10} and R^{11} independently of one another represent hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methoxymethyl, methoxyethyl, ethoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl; trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoroethyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl, or

R^{10} and R^{11} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated heterocycle selected from the group consisting of morpholine, thiomorpholine, and piperazine, which heterocycle is optionally mono- to tetrasubstituted by identical or different substituents selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and methyl, where the piperazine is optionally substituted on the second nitrogen atom by R^{12}, and

R^{12} represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, or n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which four of the radicals R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 represent hydrogen.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

R^1, R^2, R^4, and R^5 each represent hydrogen, and

R^3 represents hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkylthio, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represents C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4-haloalkylthio, or C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfonyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

R^2, R^4, and R^5 each represent hydrogen, and

R^1 and R^3 independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkylthio, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4-

haloalkylthio, or C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfonyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

R^1, R^4, and R^5 each represent hydrogen, and

R^2 and R^3 independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkylthio, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4-haloalkylthio, or C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfonyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

R^1, R^3, and R^5 each represent hydrogen, and

R^2 and R^4 independently of one another represent hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_1-C_4-alkylthio, C_1-C_4-alkylsulfonyl, or C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl; or represent C_1-C_4-haloalkyl, C_1-C_4-haloalkoxy, C_1-C_4-haloalkylthio, or C_1-C_4-haloalkylsulfonyl having in each case 1 to 5 halogen atoms.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

R^6 represents -COR^7, and

R^7 represents 4-(difluoromethyl)-2-methyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl.

Claim 27 (previously presented) A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which

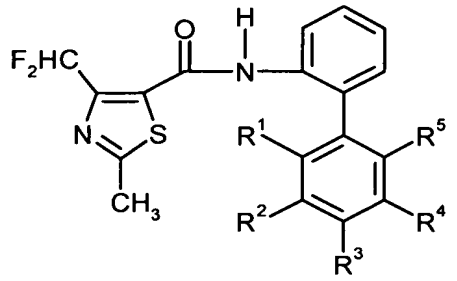
R^6 represents -COR^7, and

R^7 represents methyl, ethyl, cyclopropyl, or trifluoromethyl.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which R^6 represents -CHO.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 in which R^6 represents methyl, ethyl, n- or isopropyl, n-, iso-, sec-, or tert-butyl, methylsulfinyl, methylsulfonyl, methoxymethyl, ethoxyethyl, cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, trifluoromethyl, trichloromethyl, trifluoromethylsulfanyl, trifluoromethylsulfinyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl, or trifluoromethoxymethyl.

Claim 30 (previously presented): A process for preparing a thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 comprising reacting a thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (II)



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in which R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, and R^5 are as defined for formula (I) in Claim 18, with a halide of formula (III)

R^6—X (III)

in which

R^6 is as defined for formula (I) in Claim 18, and

X represents chlorine, bromine, or iodine,

in the presence of a base and in the presence of a diluent.

Claim 31 (previously presented): A composition for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising one or more thiazolylbiphenylamides of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 and one or more extenders and/or surfactants.

Claim 32 (previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising applying an effective amount of one or more thiazolylbiphenylamides of formula (I) according to Claim 18 to the microorganisms and/or their habitat.

Claim 33 (previously presented): A process for preparing compositions for controlling unwanted microorganisms comprising mixing one or more thiazolylbiphenylamide of formula (I) as claimed in Claim 18 with one or more extenders and/or surfactants.